

Bicycle Project Highlights: Off-Road

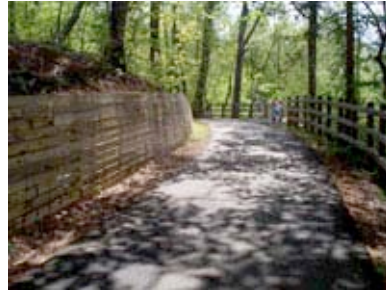
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Morganton: Catawba River Greenway, Phases II, and III TIP Projects E-2909 and E-3814

The City of Morganton was recently listed as being among the 50 best small cities in the South. One of the reasons Morganton achieved this recognition was because of the quality of life made possible by the Catawba River Greenway. Located on the northwest side of the city along the Catawba River, the greenway has been constructed in phases. The first phase was constructed without DBPT participation, but the second and third phases have been scheduled as Independent Bicycle TIP projects. Some of the Catawba River Greenway design features that make biking or walking so enjoyable are adequate trail width and good sight distance, a 171-ft long bridge that spans a wooded ravine, natural-looking timber retaining walls, scenic overlooks to view the river, and a pleasant canopy of trees that offer shade on hot days. DBPT engineering staff provided plan review comments and design suggestions during development of the project construction drawings.



The trail features an attractive canopy of trees that provide shade on warm days



Natural-looking timber retaining walls blend with surroundings



A scenic overlook rewards cyclists and walkers with a beautiful view



10-ft wide multi-use path with 2-ft crushed stone shoulders